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BWCA MAKES LISTING OF 50 'MUST-SEE'
SPOTS

(By Sam Cook)

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness of northern Minnesota is among 50 "must-see spots" in the world, according to the October issue of National Geographic Traveler magazine.

Two years in the making, the list names the 50 "places of a lifetime—the must-see spots for the complete traveler."

The magazine is available on newsstands.

"We are celebrating these places as the century turns, the places you should visit in your lifetime if you are a real traveler," said Keith Bellows, editor of the travel magazine published by the National Geographic Society. These places, "capture the spirit and diversity of our world."

Ely polar explorer Will Steger wrote the text that accompanies the Boundary Waters listing; renowned photographer Jim Brandenburg added a first-person anecdote.

Brandenburg, who sells his photos in a retail gallery in Ely, was pleased to see the Boundary Waters on the list.

"There are two ways to look at it," Brandenburg said Friday. "For those of us who live here and cherish the pristine and quiet nature, we're all happy to see new business come to town—but not too much."

Unlike some more developed or spectacular places on the list the Boundary Waters must be experienced firsthand, Brandenburg said.

"You have to work to love the Boundary Waters," he said. "It isn't for sissies. It isn't for people who travel down the road and look for vistas."

The 50 winners—plus one bonus destination—were picked from more than 500 nominations by National Geographic writers and editors and outside advisers.

The Boundary Waters, designated the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness by Congress in 1978, is 1.1 million acres in size and is adjacent to other wildland areas. Quetico Provincial Park, 1 million acres in Canada, and Voyageurs National Park, 218,000 acres in Minnesota.

IN HONOR OF HERMAN R. FINK ON HIS 103RD BIRTHDAY

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 1999

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate Herman R. Fink on his 103rd birthday.

A resident of Santa Ana, Mr. Fink has lived, on his own, at the same address for 60 years. His only daughter, Lorraine, his family and friends, will gather on his birthday, October 2, 1999, for their annual celebration at his favorite restaurant. Once again, those who love and admire him, will share in the glow of this wonderful event.

During his lifetime, Mr. Fink has traveled around the world, from Egypt to Australia, from France to South America. He is truly a world-citizen who has captured the romance and excitement of all the countries he visited and his memories are the postcards that have enhanced his life and the lives of those who know him well.

Herman Fink was married for 67 years to his wife, Clara. His marriage was a perfect match made in heaven, according to his only

daughter, Lorraine Ellison of Garden Grove, California. His life is filled with the pride and joy of his two granddaughters and two great grandchildren.

Colleagues, please join with me today as we salute a wonderful man, an octogenarian, who has lived life well and to the very fullest.

HONORING KENNETH MADDY

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 1999

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend and honor a lifetime of dedicated public service. Ken Maddy is a political legend in California's great Central Valley. A Republican in a largely Democratic district, Ken understood early what many of us have yet to learn about bipartisanship. Like the freeway bearing his name which runs down the middle of the Valley, Ken cuts through the political heart and soul of the Valley.

As we pause to honor him, I am reminded of his very unique leadership style. Ken skillfully forged a niche of consensus in finding solutions that proves leadership transcends political parties. To call Ken's style unique is not to fully do it justice. Every once in a while someone comes along bringing a little something "extra" to the table. Though it isn't tangible, it is nevertheless very real and it helps define leadership ability. Ken Maddy personifies that.

The Central Valley is a truly unique political arena. We pride ourselves on independent thought. We are proud of our ability to see beyond party labels and ideologies. Mr. Speaker, in large part, it is because of Ken's leadership that this thinking is prevalent today.

His dedication as a public servant is exemplary. Equally impressive is his list of accomplishments. Throughout his career, Ken authored more than 400 bills which were signed into law.

His vision and foresight put him in the front lines of legislative battles ranging from ethics of state legislators to crime; private property rights to reducing the scope of governmental regulations on agriculture; and balancing land use against legitimate environmental concerns.

Ken was also often on the cutting edge of health care issues such as Medi-Cal and Welfare Reform, free-standing cardiac catheterization labs, surgi-centers and most recently, the Healthy Families Act.

Because of his love and expertise of horse racing, Ken has virtually rewritten the horse racing law in California—writing more than 45 bills that were later adopted into law on the subject.

I know he is proudest of the very significant and lasting contributions he made in helping establish the California Center for Equine Health and Performance and the Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory at the University of California, Davis.

It is with great pride that I report to my colleagues that UC Davis officials named the building in his honor. Additionally, he was awarded the California State University Lifetime Achievement Award earlier this year.

One of the most telling signs of political maturity is acceptance and recognition by your

peers. For three years, Ken served as Chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus before serving eight years as Republican Leader. He's a text-book case on "how to make things happen while serving in the minority party."

Ken was awarded the Lee Atwater Minority Leader of the Year Award in 1992 by the National Republican Legislators Association and is a six-time delegate to the Republican National Convention from 1976–1996, including two terms as a RNC whip in 1976 and 1984.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise and join me in honoring the lifetime achievement of a great man—my good friend, Ken Maddy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 1999

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2116, the Veterans Millennium Health Care Act. On September 21, the bill passed the House on suspension and I inadvertently voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, the Veterans Millennium Health Care Act is an important step forward toward addressing the health care needs of our Nation's veterans. For far too long the call for long-term care has gone unanswered. The bill establishes a long-term care benefit for any veteran with a 50-percent or greater disability.

It allows the Veterans Administration (VA) greater flexibility to adjust copayments for services like eyeglasses and pharmaceuticals. The legislation enables the VA to cover the emergency care of uninsured veterans and directs them to realign inefficient facilities provided the savings are reinvested locally in the community to improve veterans' care.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2116 has the strong support of the veterans community and I am proud to support it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBEN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 1999

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, last week, a death in my family resulted in my missing four rollcall votes—466, 467, 468 and 469—on Friday, October 1. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall 466—On agreeing to the conference report, H.R. 2084, Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act FY 2000—"yea"; rollcall 467—On agreeing to the resolution waiving points of order against the Conference Report on H.R. 1906, Agriculture and Related Agencies Appropriations Act FY 2000—"nay"; rollcall 468—Motion to Recommit the Conference Report on H.R. 1906, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations, FY 2000—"yea"; rollcall 469—On agreeing to the Conference Report, H.R. 1906, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations, FY 2000—"yea."